

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

1 **Claim 2 (previously presented):** An image forming
2 apparatus comprising:
3 a photosensitive member which is rotatably disposed,
4 and on which an electrostatic latent image is developed to
5 form a toner image;
6 a cleaning blade which comprises a body portion
7 configured by an elastic plate member, and a base plate
8 portion supporting said body portion, and which removes
9 away a toner that remains on said photosensitive member
10 after the toner image is transferred, by means of said body
11 portion that pressingly contacts said photosensitive
12 member;
13 a housing which holds said photosensitive member and
14 said cleaning blade; and
15 a recess which is disposed in said housing, and which
16 accommodates at least part of said base plate,
17 wherein said cleaning blade being pressingly secured
18 to said recess by said photosensitive member,

19 wherein said recess which is disposed in said housing
20 has first and second projections which butt against said
21 base plate portion.

1 **Claim 3 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 2, wherein said base plate portion has
3 first and second end portions in a direction which is
4 parallel to a rotation axis of said photosensitive member,
5 said housing has first and second recesses which are
6 opposed to said first and second end portions of said base
7 plate portion, respectively,
8 each of said first and second recesses has said first
9 and second projections,
10 said first end portion of said base plate portion
11 butts against said first and second projections of said
12 first recess, and
13 said second end portion of said base plate portion
14 butts against said first and second projections of said
15 second recess.

1 **Claim 4 (previously presented):** An image forming,
2 apparatus comprising:
3 a photosensitive member which is rotatably disposed,
4 and on which an electrostatic latent image is developed to
5 form a toner image;

6 a cleaning blade which comprises a body portion
7 configured by an elastic plate member, and a base plate
8 portion supporting said body portion, and which removes
9 away a toner that remains on said photosensitive member
10 after the toner image is transferred, by means of said body
11 portion that pressingly contacts said photosensitive
12 member;

13 a housing which holds said photosensitive member and
14 said cleaning blade; and

15 a recess which is disposed in said housing, and which
16 accommodates at least part of said base plate,

17 wherein said cleaning blade being pressingly secured
18 to said recess by said photosensitive member,

19 wherein part of said base plate portion is pressed
20 against a bottom of said recess.

1 **Claim 5 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 4, wherein said cleaning blade is
3 secured to said housing by said photosensitive member, said
4 first and second projections, and said bottom of said
5 recess.

1 **Claim 6 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 2, wherein said recess has said bottom,
3 a first wall which is positioned in front of said bottom in
4 a rotation direction of said photosensitive member, and a

5 second wall which is positioned in rear of said bottom in
6 the rotation direction of said photosensitive member,

7 said first projection is disposed on said first wall
8 with being separated from said bottom by a predetermined
9 distance, and

10 said second projection is disposed on said second wall
11 with being separated from said bottom by a distance which
12 is larger than said predetermined distance.

1 **Claim 7 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 2, wherein longitudinal directions of
3 said first and second projections are parallel to a
4 rotation axis of said photosensitive member.

1 **Claim 8 (previously presented):** An image forming
2 apparatus comprising:

3 a photosensitive member which is rotatably disposed,
4 and on which an electrostatic latent image is developed to
5 form a toner image;

6 a cleaning blade which comprises a body portion
7 configured by an elastic plate member, and a base plate
8 portion supporting said body portion, and which removes
9 away a toner that remains on said photosensitive member
10 after the toner image is transferred, by means of said body
11 portion that pressingly contacts said photosensitive
12 member;

13 a housing which holds said photosensitive member and
14 said cleaning blade; and

15 a recess which is disposed in said housing, and which
16 accommodates at least part of said base plate,

17 wherein said cleaning blade being pressingly secured
18 to said recess by said photosensitive member,

19 wherein a hook which prevents said cleaning blade from
20 slipping off said housing is disposed on said housing.

1 **Claim 9 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 8, wherein an engagement portion which
3 is to be engaged with said hook is disposed in said base
4 plate portion of said cleaning blade.

1 **Claim 10 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 8, wherein said hook is disposed in a
3 vicinity of each of said first and second end portions of
4 said base plate.

1 **Claim 11 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 3, wherein part of said base plate
3 portion is pressed against a bottom of said recess.

1 **Claim 12 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 3, wherein said recess has said bottom,
3 a first wall which is positioned in front of said bottom in

4 a rotation direction of said photosensitive member, and a
5 second wall which is positioned in rear of said bottom in
6 the rotation direction of said photosensitive member,

7 said first projection is disposed on said first wall
8 with being separated from said bottom by a predetermined
9 distance, and

10 said second projection is disposed on said second wall
11 with being separated from said bottom by a distance which
12 is larger than said predetermined distance.

1 **Claim 13 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 12, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 14 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 3, wherein longitudinal directions of
3 said first and second projections are parallel to a
4 rotation axis of said photosensitive member.

1 **Claim 15 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 3, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 16 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 5, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 17 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 6, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 18 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 7, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 19 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 14, wherein a hook which prevents said
3 cleaning blade from slipping off said housing is disposed
4 on said housing.

1 **Claim 20 (original):** An image forming apparatus
2 according to claim 15, wherein an engagement portion which
3 is to be engaged with said hook is disposed in said base
4 plate portion of said cleaning blade.

1 **Claim 21 (new):** An image forming apparatus,
2 comprising:

3 a photosensitive member that forms a toner image on a
4 surface of the photosensitive member;

5 a cleaning blade that removes away, from the surface
6 of the photosensitive member, a toner that remains on the
7 surface of the photosensitive member after the toner image
8 is transferred to a recording medium;

9 a base member that holds the cleaning blade, the base
10 member having an end portion on each of both sides of the
11 base member; and

12 a housing that holds the photosensitive member, the
13 housing having a pair of recesses inside the housing, the
14 recess being configured to face toward the photosensitive
15 member,

16 the end portions of the base member to be inserted
17 into the inside of the pair of the recesses, the cleaning
18 blade to contact the photosensitive member, the end
19 portions of the base member being pressingly fixed into the
20 inside of the pair of the recesses by the photosensitive
21 member, wherein the cleaning blade is secured to the recess
22 by the photosensitive member.

1 **Claim 22 (new):** The image forming apparatus according
2 to claim 21, wherein the end portions of the base member
3 butts into bottoms of the pair of the recesses.

1 **Claim 23 (new):** The image forming apparatus according
2 to claim 21, wherein the base member comprises an L-shape,
3 one side of the L-shape holding the cleaning blade, and the
4 housing has a hook that prevent the cleaning blade from
5 slipping off the housing when another side of the L-shape
6 catches on the hook.

1 **Claim 24 (new):** The image forming apparatus according
2 to claim 21, wherein an area between end portions of the
3 base member comprises the L-shape.

1 **Claim 25 (new):** The image forming apparatus according
2 to claim 21, wherein the base member comprises an L-shape,
3 one side of the L-shape holding the cleaning blade, and
4 another side of the L-shape butting into an inside wall of
5 the housing.